THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That proposal has been examined by the Government. The Government found it more economical to keep it in the district headquarters, but that should not prevent easy access of these tractors to the areas concerned.

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : இந்த டிராக்டர்களின் எண்ணிக்கை மிகவும் குறைவாக இருக்கிறபடியாலும் அதனால் விவசாயிகளுடைய வேண்டுகோளை பூர்த்தி செய்ய முடியாத நிலையில் இருப்பதாலும் இன்னும் அதிகப்படியான டிராக்டர்களை வாங்குவதற்கு சர்க்கார் முன் வருமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இப்பொழுது இருக்கிற டிராக்டர்களின் காலம் டிப்ரிசியேஷன் கணக்குப்படி முடிந்து விட்டது. இருந்தாலும் அவைகள் வேலை செய்துகொண்டுவருகின்றன. இன்னும் புதிய டிராக்டர்களையும் வாங்கலாமா என்று கவர்ன்மெண்ட் யோசித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள்.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : டிராக்டர்கள் உழுவதைக் காட்டிலும் யானைகளைக் கட்டி உழுதால் செலவு குறைவாக இருக்குமாதலால் யானைகளைக் கட்டி உழுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : புதுக்கோட்டைக் காடுகளில் யானை இருக்குமா என்று கனம் அங்கத்தினருடைய அனுபவத்தைக் கொண்டு சொன்னால் அதை யோசித்துப் பார்க்கலாம்.

Hospital at Valparai

* 2810 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the cost of construction of the hospital at Valparai, Anamalai Hills, Coimbatore district; and

(*b*) the number of patients treated in that hospital during 1954?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) The exact cost of construction of the buildings is not known. The estimated value of the buildings, including staff quarters in 1915, was Rs. 35,000.

(*b*) In-patients 99. Out-patients 3,580.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : The cost of the building is more than Rs. 10 lakhs. But only about 2,000 people are attending the hospital every year. Thus, since very few people have been treated in the hospital, why have the Government spent a lot on the building?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : This hospital must have been built many years ago. I cannot say why so much amount was spent.

Damage caused to stamps by white-ants

* 2811 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any loss was incurred by the Government in 1951–52 due to damage caused to stamps by white-ants; and

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(b) if so, whether any action was taken against the persons concerned?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) There was no loss to the Government in 1951–52 due to damage caused to stamps by white-ants in the districts comprised in the present Madras State.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Whether loss was caused or not, was damage caused by white-ants to stamps?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. During the Andhra partition, the white ants were allotted to the Andhra State. (Laughter.) The damage took place in the Guntur Treasury.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. Minister see that at least during the partition that is going to take place between Kerala and Andhra the white-ants are not allotted to the new Kerala State?

Inspection bungalow at Hasthampatti

* 2812 Q.—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of Sri P. Rangaswami Reddiar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when the Public Works Department Inspection Bungalow at Hasthampatti, Salem district, was constructed and at what cost;

(b) the average annual cost of maintenance during the years 1952–55;

(c) when it was last repaired;

(d) whether it is a fact that the First Member of the Board of Revenue narrowly escaped from injuries, when one of the wooden rafters suddenly fell down from the roof, while he was sleeping in this bungalow during a night in March 1955;

(e) whether he complained to the authorities about the unsatisfactory maintenance of the bungalow;

(f) whether any enquiry was conducted against the officials of the Public Works Department and if so, with what result; and

(g) whether the bungalow has since been inspected and repaired?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (a) The Inspection Bungalow which was formerly the